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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission

Exemption File 82-5204

Division of Corporate Finance Room 3094 (3-6) 450 5th Street Northwest Washington DC 20549

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Dear Sirs,

GKN plc

Notification of major interests in shares

For your information I enclose a copy of the above announcement.

Yours faithfully,

Sandie De Ritter

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.	Name of company		2. Name of shareholder having a major interest	
	GKN PLC		LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	
3.	Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2		Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them HSBC GLOBAL CUSTODY NOMINEE (UK) LTD	
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 6. Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed NOT KNOWN	8. Percentage of issued class NOT KNOWN
9.	Class of security ORDINARY SHARES OF 50P EACH	10.	Date of transaction NOT KNOWN	11. Date company informed 23 MAY 2005
12.	Total holding following this notification 34,852,279		13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 4.85%	
14.	. Any additional information DECREASE IN NOTIFIABLE INTEREST PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED AT 5% LEVEL		15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries CHRIS WINTERS – 01527 533383	
16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification CHRIS WINTERS SENIOR SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT				
Date of notification 23 MAY 2005				